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## US CORN PLANTED ACREAGE DOWN 8 PERCENT FROM 2007

**WYOMING:** As of March 1, Wyoming farmers planted or intended to plant 411,000 acres of small grains and row crops last Fall and this Spring, up 3 percent from last year, according to Vito Wagner with the Wyoming Statistical Office of USDA NASS. Winter wheat plantings were down from last year and intentions for oats and corn were also lower. Planting intentions for barley, spring wheat, and sugarbeets were all up from the actual 2007 plantings. Dry bean intentions remained unchanged from last year's crop.

Small Grains: Wyoming's 2008 **barley** acreage is expected to total 90,000 acres, up 28,000 from last year, and 20,000 acres above the 2006 crop. Farmers intend to plant 30,000 acres of **oats**, down 10,000 acres from last year, and down 18,000 acres from 2006. **Spring wheat**, at 13,000 acres, will be up 7,000 acres from last year and up 5,000 acres from 2006. **Winter wheat** was seeded on 130,000 acres last fall, down 10,000 acres from the 2007 crop, and down 20,000 acres from the 2006 crop.

Row Crops: Wyoming farmers expect to plant 90,000 acres of **corn** this year, down 5,000 acres from last year but up 5,000 acres from 2006. Producers intend to plant 32,600 acres of **sugarbeets**, which would be 3 percent above last year but 24 percent below 2006. **Dry bean** plantings this year are expected to total 25,000 acres, unchanged from 2007 and down 4,000 acres from 2006.

The total acreage of **all hay** expected to be harvested in the State in 2008 is 1.15 million acres. This would be 5 percent above last year, and 10 percent above the 2006 crop.

These estimates are based on a survey conducted in early March. Actual plantings may vary from these estimates because of weather, economic conditions, and the effect of this report itself.

**UNITED STATES:** **All wheat** planted area is estimated at 63.8 million acres, up 6 percent from 2007. The 2008 winter wheat planted area, at 46.8 million acres, is 4 percent above last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 32.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 10.7 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.63 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2008 is expected to total 14.3 million acres, up 8 percent from 2007. Of this total, about 13.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The intended Durum planted area for 2008 is 2.63 million acres, up 22 percent from the previous year.

Growers intend to plant 4.15 million acres of **barley** for 2008, up 3 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the fourth lowest barley planted acreage on record. **Oat** acres seeded and to be seeded for the 2008 crop year are expected to total 3.42 million acres, down 9 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest planted acreage on record.

Growers intend to plant 1.40 million acres of **dry beans** in 2008, down 8 percent from last year and 14 percent below 2006. The decrease in planted acres can be attributed in part to strong prices for competing crops. Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2008 crop year is expected to total 1.13 million acres, 11 percent lower than the 2007 planted acreage. **Corn** growers intend to plant 86.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2008, down 8 percent from last year when corn planted area was the highest since 1944. **Hay** producers expect to harvest 60.6 million acres of all hay in 2008, down 2 percent from last year.

**Planting Intentions for 2008 and Actual Plantings for 2007,  
Wyoming and United States**

| Crops                       | Acreage Planted/to Be Planted |                    |         |               |                    |         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|---------|
|                             | Wyoming                       |                    |         | United States |                    |         |
|                             | 2007                          | 2008<br>Intentions | 08/07   | 2007          | 2008<br>Intentions | 08/07   |
|                             | 1,000 Acres                   |                    | Percent | 1,000 Acres   |                    | Percent |
| Corn, All Purposes          | 95                            | 90                 | 95      | 93,600        | 86,014             | 92      |
| Winter Wheat                | 140                           | 130                | 93      | 44,987        | 46,840             | 104     |
| Durum Wheat                 | —                             | —                  | —       | 2,149         | 2,630              | 122     |
| Spring Wht Other than Durum | 6                             | 13                 | 217     | 13,297        | 14,333             | 108     |
| Oats                        | 40                            | 30                 | 75      | 3,760         | 3,420              | 91      |
| Barley                      | 62                            | 90                 | 145     | 4,020         | 4,147              | 103     |
| Sugarbeets                  | 31.8                          | 32.6               | 103     | 1,269.8       | 1,131.8            | 89      |
| Dry Edible Beans            | 25                            | 25                 | 100     | 1,526.9       | 1,398.5            | 92      |
| Hay, All 1/                 | 1,100                         | 1,150              | 105     | 61,625        | 60,583             | 98      |

1/ Area for harvest